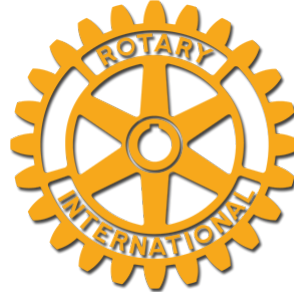




Monday, February 13, 2023

Rotary

Club of Plymouth



Broadcaster February 10, 2023

By Kurt L Heise on Friday, February 10, 2023



Call to Order:

President Penny Joy called the meeting to order. It was big crowd today with at least 35 in attendance and a few more on zoom. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the group, and **Paul Sincock** delivered the meditation for the day which included a special message for the more than 20,000 people who have perished in the terrible earthquakes in Turkey and Syria. Lunch featured a special Polish feast in honor of our special guest speakers. **Norm Weast** recognized **your scribe's** 57th birthday and noted that his birthday is always the same year as the Super Bowl. Your Scribe was thoroughly embarrassed by Norm's kind

gesture.

Introduction of Guests:

Guests today included **Al Blixt** with the Michigan Shakespeare Festival, **Marsha Bird**, **Juan Jose**, exchange student from Colombia, and **Cat Coburn**.

Special Presentation:

Liz Orbitz was formally inducted into the Club by President Penny and Liz' sponsor, **Preston Gee**. Liz is a retired Administrative Dean at Washtenaw Community College and has lived in the Plymouth community for 15 years. She likes to travel and has two sons and two grandkids. Welcome aboard, Liz!

Upcoming Events:



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Club Meeting

Plymouth
Meets at Plymouth
Cultural Ctr.
525 Farmer Street
Plymouth, MI 48170
Time: Friday at 12:00 PM

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- **Rotary 6400** District Conference at Caesars Palace in Windsor, May 5-7. Register with Sue Campbell at suecampbell922@gmail.com or online at rotary6400.org.
- **New Members Huddle** – Thursday, February 23 at the Ebenezer (305 Fleet Street in the Alley). 5 p.m. will be the time for new members; everyone else is invited at 5:30 p.m. for social hour.
- At the **February 17** meeting we will be packaging cake mixes for the Salvation Army. No cooking skills needed!
- **February 23** at the Penn Theater there will be a special movie on Human Trafficking entitled “Pursuit of Freedom” hosted in part by the Rotary Action Against Slavery initiative.
- **February 24** the Sun Never Sets on Rotary – we will be hosting our meeting in the morning a 7:45 a.m. and serving breakfast. Expect a special video visit from our Rotary International President!

Special Program:

The club was honored to have on Zoom several guests from the Rotary Club of Poznan, Poland – **Wojciech Majchzcki and Kasia Rajewska**, who brought us up to speed on the tremendous work they are doing to provide modern medical equipment to the victims of the war in Ukraine. Working through a contact at the Grants Pass, Oregon Rotary Club, our member **June Kirchgatter** took the lead and was able to find the Poznan Poland Rotary who has been instrumental in getting aid into the war-torn country. The Plymouth Rotary Club, through our Foundation and other grants, has provided **\$27,510** to date for the Poznan Rotary’s outstanding efforts. Not only is the Poznan Rotary providing the basics of food and clothing to the Ukrainian people, they are also using Rotary donations from around the world to purchase modern life saving equipment, identical to what modern EMS first responders use in the field, like video laryngoscopes, emergency medical backpacks, portable ultrasound, CPR equipment, portable ECG devices, trauma kits, and protective coverings. In addition, and perhaps most importantly, the Poznan Rotary and their allies have purchased and donated a brand new, modern ambulance for use in the Ukrainian conflict. Overall a wonderful and inspiring job that we will certainly be keeping an eye on in the future!

50/50

Wrapping things up, the 50/50 was won by **Tim Joy** and collected by **Penny Joy** (hmmmm) and **Chris Porman** won the Second Chance for \$60 – don’t tell his wife!

Until we meet again –

Broadcaster February 3, 2023

By Chris Porman on Friday, February 10, 2023

Past President **Kirk Kohn** got an early start to the meeting, ringing the Rotary Bell at 12:04 to welcome us to our weekly club meeting. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, **June Kirchgatter** led us in our weekly meditation. Using the words of Muhammad Ali, Woodrow Wilson, and Eleanor Roosevelt, June warmed our hearts on a cold February afternoon.

Guests:

Kurt Heise brought **Catherine Coburn**, whom I had the pleasure of joining at our lunch table.

Lunch today was Mexican; always a crowd favorite.

Speakers

At the meeting, we were introduced to two of our newer members, **Yasir Khogali** and **Mike Moser**.

Yasir shared a great deal of who he is starting with being born in Sudan, growing up in East Lansing, his education at Western Michigan University and U of M Dearborn. Following his education, he worked for Yazaki and now, Nissan. During his career, he has been involved in wiring design for 14 vehicle programs. Interesting note, in a vehicle, there is over mile of wiring inside.

Yasir serves on the Board of Trustees for the Plymouth District Library, as well as on the Industry Advisory Board for WMU College of Engineering, and also on the National Society of Black Engineers Detroit.

Yasir's real passion is his family and if there is any free time in his busy schedule, he enjoys soccer, college football, and his new hobby, bbq.

Following our introduction to Yasir, **June Kirchgatter** explained some changes happening in the membership committee and introduced another of newer members, **Mike Moser**.

Mike graduated from Bentley High School in Livonia and then attended Michigan Tech. Following his Sophomore year he was married and took that year off to save money to finish his last two years.

Mike's career has taken him from Michigan to Minnesota to Missouri back to Minnesota to El Paso to Austin and then back to Michigan. He is a retired Engineer with 36 years at 3M working on design and manufacturing.

With his retirement, Mike wants to golf more (who doesn't?!?), continue walking 2+ miles/day, and give back to the community. While Mike may be new to our club, he is no stranger to Rotary having been a part of his club in Austin.

Closing

On February 24, our club has been given the opportunity to participate in **"The Sun Never Sets on Rotary"** a 24-hour event with clubs all around world participating. Our club has been chosen to represent the home district of Rotary International President Jennifer Jones with **our meeting taking place at 8am. We will serve breakfast likely before 8am** and have an awesome meeting with videos of what is going on around the district, and be able to showcase to the world our club. There may be some special guests from around the world joining us via Zoom. Please stay tuned for more info.

Yours in Service

Chris Porman

Broadcaster Jan 27, 2023

By Arthur W. Gulick on Saturday, January 28, 2023
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OPENING: President **Penny Joy** led us all in the Pledge of Allegiance, then **Mary Ann Wood** delivered our Meditation. Mary Ann told us to be grateful for the winter season, but to be mindful of folks who could use extra help at this time of year.




GUESTS: It was great to see **Al Blixt** again--he's on the way to joining the club--and **Bryce Bilinski**, who's getting his application papers in order. **Dave Willett** hosted his guest, **Victor Koppeng**. **Dan Smith** was back for a visit, looking quite at home at the Rowdy Table.

BIRTHDAY: Thanks to **Dave Batts** who celebrated his day with a nice donation check for the Plymouth Rotary Foundation.

MEMBER MOMENT: **Don Soenen** introduced our own **Gail Grieger**, who gave us a great autobiographical account. Gail is the Executive Director at PARC (hence the intro by Don), but she's accomplished a variety of things. Coming from a small town in Indiana, she went to law school at DePaul University. Her work as a staff attorney, helping prisoners at institutions like Jackson Prison has informed her impulse to social activism.

CALENDAR:

- Tuesday, January 31, 2023: Plan to learn about the club's new membership information system by attending the online "DACdb University." It starts at 4:30 in the afternoon. You need to talk to President Penny to get enrolled for this event.
- Friday, February 3, 2023: we'll hear **Mike Moser's** Member Moment. Past President **Kirk Kohn** will preside at this meeting.
- Saturday, February 4, 2023: Meet at 5:00 pm at the fountain in Kellogg Park to participate in a club photo op during the Plymouth Ice Festival. You can participate in Ice Festival Bingo, too.
- Friday, February 10, 2023: **June Kirchgatter** has arranged for us to get an online report from Poland about the funds we sent for Ukraine relief. At this meeting we also induct new member **Liz Orbitz**.
- Friday, February 17, 2023. Penny has arranged for us to assemble a bunch of cake mix kits which the Salvation Army can distribute to families where kids aren't able to have birthday cakes. **Don Soenen** has helped purchase the supplies for these kits.
- Thursday, February 23, 2023. District 6400 is taking part in Take Action for Peace, There's a 6:30 PM showing at the Penn Theater of "Pursuit for Freedom," a film about human trafficking.
- Friday, February 24, 2023. **The Sun Never Sets on Rotary** We're having a breakfast meeting so that we can participate in a special 24-hour-long broadcast featuring Rotary clubs across the world. We



appear online in the final hour of this program, starting at 8:00 AM.

- Monday, May 22, 2023. Mark your calendar now: it's the Plymouth Rotary Golf Outing.

FIFTY-FIFTY: **Eric Joy** read the winning ticket number. **Candice Tower**, who's a banker at Lake Trust, won the big moolah, showing how money attracts money (maybe). **Marie Morrow** was absent, missing her opportunity to get the Second Chance prize.

We closed the meeting by reciting the Rotary Four-Way Test.

Club Officers